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Honorable Commissioner:

[1] We are Mohammad B. Bahramian and Helmut Zarbl, co-inventors of the subject matter of the rejected claims of the above-identified patent application.

[2] The attached reproductions of pages of our notebooks contain entries of details of experiments that are described in the patent application, as follows.

[3] Results on pages 195-197 and interpretations on pages 198-199 correspond to measurement of RNA harvested approximately 24 hours post-electroporation. The samples are analyzed on a long sequencing gel and the data for this Experiment #1 is shown as Fig. 2A in the patent application.

[4] The RNA used for Experiments #2 and #3 are the same, but different than Experiment #1, harvested 24 hours after electroporation and used different probes synthesized on different days.

[5] The Experiment #2 starts on page 179, continues on page 183 and finishes on page 185. The data for Experiment #3 (RNA 1 with probe 2) are recorded on pages 186-188.